

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated April 8, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 85 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wollrath et al. ("Simple Activation for Distributed Objects") in view of Hare et al. (EP 0733970 A1); allowed claims 70-84 and 91-106; and indicated claims 86, 87, 89, and 90 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on April 20, 2004. Because this IDS crossed in the mail with the Final Office Action dated April 8, 2004, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and resubmitted the IDS to allow the Examiner to consider the references listed in the accompanying PTO Form 1449.

Further, by this amendment, Applicants cancelled claim 86 and amended claim 85 by adding the recitations of claim 86, and changed the dependency of claim 87 to independent claim 85.

In light of the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action (i.e., claim 86 is distinguishable over the cited art) and the above noted amendments, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 85 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is not supported by the cited art. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn and the timely allowance of claims 70-85 and 87-106.

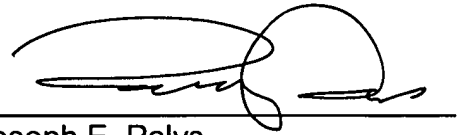
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Respectfully submitted,

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